

APPENDIX B

HUB SUBCONTRACTING PLAN



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In accordance with Texas Gov't Code §2161.252, the contracting agency has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable under this contract. Therefore, all respondents, including State of Texas certified Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) must complete and submit this State of Texas HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) with their response to the bid requisition (solicitation).

NOTE: Responses that do not include a completed HSP shall be rejected pursuant to Texas Gov't Code §2161.252(b).

The HUB Program promotes equal business opportunities for economically disadvantaged persons to contract with the State of Texas in accordance with the goals specified in the 2009 State of Texas Disparity Study. The statewide HUB goals defined in 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §20.13 are:

- **11.2 percent for heavy construction other than building contracts,**
- **21.1 percent for all building construction, including general contractors and operative builders contracts,**
- **32.7 percent for all special trade construction contracts,**
- **23.6 percent for professional services contracts,**
- **24.6 percent for all other services contracts, and**
- **21 percent for commodities contracts.**

-- Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements --

In accordance with 34 TAC §20.14(d)(1)(D)(iii), a respondent (prime contractor) may demonstrate good faith effort to utilize Texas certified HUBs for its subcontracting opportunities if the total value of the respondent's subcontracts with Texas certified HUBs meets or exceeds the statewide HUB goal or the agency specific HUB goal, whichever is higher. When a respondent uses this method to demonstrate good faith effort, the respondent must identify the HUBs with which it will subcontract. If using existing contracts with Texas certified HUBs to satisfy this requirement, only contracts that have been in place for five years or less shall qualify for meeting the HUB goal. This limitation is designed to encourage vendor rotation as recommended by the 2009 Texas Disparity Study.

DIR's HUB Goal for this bidding opportunity is 21%. Failure to complete and comply with the current HSP form may disqualify the bid response. The following documentation should be completed with the HSP:

- Section 4 Affirmation- must be signed and dated;
- Method B (Attachment B) -must provide documentation under Section B-3 with response (if applicable);
- Actual % and dollar amounts must be used on HSP form (if applicable).

For assistance in completing the HSP, contact the HUB Coordinator, at dir.hub@dir.texas.gov or lisa.maldonado@dir.texas.gov 512-463-5662 or lynn.sanchez@dir.texas.gov 512-463-9813

SECTION 1 RESPONDENT AND REQUISITION INFORMATION

- a. Respondent (Company) Name: Meridian Partners, LLC State of Texas VID #: 16511377489
Point of Contact: Wil Martinez, Managing Partner Phone #: 786.888.3127
E-mail Address: wmartinez@meridianpartners.us Fax #: 305.437.8054
- b. Is your company a State of Texas certified HUB? ☐ - Yes ☒ - No
- c. Requisition/ Contract # DIR-TSO-TMP-221 Bid Open/ Revision Date: March 31, 2014

Enter your company's name here: Meridian Partners, LLC

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SECTION 2 SUBCONTRACTING INTENTIONS

After dividing the contract work into reasonable lots or portions to the extent consistent with prudent industry practices, and taking into consideration the scope of work to be performed under the proposed contract, including all potential subcontracting opportunities, the respondent must determine what portions of work, including goods and services, will be subcontracted. Note: In accordance with 34 TAC §20.11., an "Subcontractor" means a person who contracts with a prime contractor to work, to supply commodities, or to contribute toward completing work for a governmental entity.

a. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that identifies your subcontracting intentions:

- ☐ - **Yes**, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract. (If **Yes**, complete Item b, of this SECTION and continue to Item c of this SECTION.)
- ☒ - **No**, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources. (If **No**, continue to SECTION 3 and SECTION 4.)

b. List all the portions of work (subcontracting opportunities) you will subcontract. Also, based on the total value of the contract, identify the percentages of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUBs, and the percentage of the contract you expect to award to vendors that are not a Texas certified HUB (i.e., Non-HUB).

Item #	Subcontracting Opportunity Description	HUBs		Non-HUBs
		Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you have a <u>continuous contract*</u> in place for five (5) years or less.	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you have a <u>continuous contract*</u> in place for more than five (5) years.	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to non-HUBs .
1		%	%	%
2		%	%	%
3		%	%	%
4		%	%	%
5		%	%	%
6		%	%	%
7		%	%	%
8		%	%	%
9		%	%	%
10		%	%	%
11		%	%	%
12		%	%	%
Total Aggregate percentages of the contract expected to be subcontracted (all 3 columns cannot exceed 100%):		%	%	%

(Note: If you have more than twelve subcontracting opportunities, a continuation sheet is available online at <http://window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-subcontracting-plan/>)

c. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether you will be using only Texas certified HUBs to perform all of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.

- ☐ - **Yes** (If **Yes**, continue to SECTION 4 and complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)
- ☐ - **No** (If **No**, continue to Item d, of this SECTION.)

d. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether the **aggregate expected percentage** of the contract you will subcontract with Texas certified HUBs with which you have a continuous contract* in place with for five (5) years or less **meets or exceeds** the HUB goal the contracting agency identified on page 1 in the "Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements".

- ☐ - **Yes** (If **Yes**, continue to SECTION 4 and complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)
- ☐ - **No** (If **No**, continue to SECTION 4 and complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)

Enter your company's name here: Meridian Partners, LLC

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SECTION 3 SELF PERFORMING JUSTIFICATION (If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Item a, you must complete this SECTION and continue to SECTION 4.)

Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether your response/proposal contains an explanation demonstrating how your company will fulfill the entire contract with its own resources.

- ☐ - **Yes** (If **Yes**, in the space provided below list the specific page(s)/section(s) of your proposal which explains how your company will perform the entire contract with its own equipment, supplies, materials and/or employees.)
- ☒ - **No** (If **No**, in the space provided below explain how your company will perform the entire contract with its own equipment, supplies, materials and/or employees.)

Meridian Partners, a certified MBE and Small Business based in Miami, FL, was founded in 2000 and has been providing ERP products and services since 2003. In 2004 Meridian developed a solid reputation as subject matter expert in many areas required by Public Sector Agencies implementing, evaluating or supporting SAP based systems and users. ERP-based products and services in the public sector including those in this DIR represent over 90% of Meridian's services during that time period. Our team is entirely based in the US, with concentrated employee presences in Florida and Texas.

Related to this DIR, for the better half of a decade, Meridian has been providing product based SAP services to Public Sector agencies. This has included services in the management, design, development, support and training of complex SAP projects with specific experience in the areas of Financials, SRM, Project Systems, Plant/Fleet Maintenance, Funds Management, Human Resources, Payroll modules and Business Intelligence and Reporting.

Of special interest to many Public Sector agencies is Meridian's specialized budgeting knowledge utilizing both SAP's Budget Planning and Consolidation (BPC) and Public Sector Budget Formulation Tool (PBF). Meridian Partners is an SAP Services Partner and one of only 5 Public Sector Budget Formulation Tool (PBF) SAP Partners in the entire nation. Meridian also has innovated and authored and created some K12 fast track tools for budgeting and planning.

Meridian's in house Human Resources, Talent Acquisition and Training teams have the ability to locate, hire and train large numbers of staff needed should demand increase beyond current levels of growth.

Many of the key team members have obtained their SAP Public Sector certification. In SAP Public Sector, Meridian is a leader in the industry. Our consultants have written articles in various publications such as SAP NetWeaver magazine, TechTarget, and SearchSAP.com. In addition, our consultants are often asked to speak at User Group conferences throughout the country.

Meridian's team members are knowledgeable leaders and proven subject matter experts in many areas including those represented by this DIR. SAP has requested and utilized our team members to train and teach many SAP Certification and Education Courses throughout the United States for the past two years.

In short our experience providing similar products and services as demonstrated ensures our ability to perform the entire contract to qualified DIR entities within the State of Texas. Meridian has successfully provided similar products and services for the better part of a decade its own equipment, supplies, materials, and/or employees.

SECTION 4 AFFIRMATION

As evidenced by my signature below, I affirm that I am an authorized representative of the respondent listed in SECTION 1, and that the information and supporting documentation submitted with the HSP is true and correct. Respondent understands and agrees that, if awarded any portion of the requisition:

- The respondent will provide notice as soon as practical to **all** the subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs) of their selection as a subcontractor for the awarded contract. The notice must specify at a minimum the contracting agency's name and its point of contact for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity they (the subcontractor) will perform, the approximate dollar value of the subcontracting opportunity and the expected percentage of the total contract that the subcontracting opportunity represents. A copy of the notice required by this section must also be provided to the contracting agency's point of contact for the contract no later than ten (10) working days after the contract is awarded.
- The respondent must submit monthly compliance reports (Prime Contractor Progress Assessment Report – PAR) to the contracting agency, verifying its compliance with the HSP, including the use of and expenditures made to its subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs). (The PAR is available at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-forms/progressassessmentrpt.xls>).
- The respondent must seek approval from the contracting agency prior to making any modifications to its HSP, including the hiring of additional or different subcontractors and the termination of a subcontractor the respondent identified in its HSP. If the HSP is modified without the contracting agency's prior approval, respondent may be subject to any and all enforcement remedies available under the contract or otherwise available by law, up to and including debarment from all state contracting.
- The respondent must, upon request, allow the contracting agency to perform on-site reviews of the company's headquarters and/or work-site where services are being performed and must provide documentation regarding staffing and other resources.

Signature on File

Wil Martinez

Managing Partner

Mach 28, 2014

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date
(mm/dd/yyyy)